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Feroke Tiles labour dispute

* 3151 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 1914 given on 4th August 1955—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the report of the Labour Commissioner, Madras, regarding the Feroke Tiles labour dispute;

(*b*) if so, the contents of the report; and

(*c*) the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) It has been reported that on 25th October 1955 the management of Feroke Tile Works, Feroke, have paid lay-off wages in respect of the period 24th October 1953 to 23rd October 1954 to the workers entitled to it.

(*c*) No further action is considered necessary.

Licence to dealers in denatured spirit and varnish

* 3152 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of licences issued in the Madras City for the year 1955–56 to dealers in denatured spirit and varnish and the total quantity for which licences were issued;

(*b*) the number of licences issued to persons who were not holding licences in the previous year and the total quantity for which such licences were issued?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN: (*a*) 359 licences and 207,160 gallons in all.

(*b*) The number of licences issued up to 11th October 1955 to persons who were not holding licences in the year prior to 1955–56 is 47, and the total quantity allowed under these new licences is 26,210 gallons.

Draftsmen Course in the Central Polytechnic

* 3153 *Q.*—Sri M. JAGANNATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that draftsmen course is run both by the Central and State Governments in separate sections in the Central Polytechnic, Madras?

(*b*) the number of seats allotted for each;

(*c*) the number of students admitted in each in 1955;

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(*d*) the strength of the teaching staff in each; and

(*e*) the respective pay of the various members of the staff in both, separately.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No, Sir. The Industrial Training Centre run by the Government of India at the Central Polytechnic, Madras, which provided facilities for both Draughtsman (Civil) and Draughtsman (Mechanical) courses had been closed down from the beginning of the academic year 1955.

(*b*) *to* (*e*) Do not arise.

Service conditions of district board employees

* 3154 *Q*.—SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the action taken by the Government to implement G.O. No. 3599, L. & M. of 1932, to the effect that the conditions of service of all district board employees shall be the same as those of Government servants of similar standing in so far as it applies to the employees of Malabar District Board,

(*b*) whether there is any difference in service conditions between the employees of the Malabar District Board and other Government servants of a similar standing; and

(*c*) If so, why?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYATCHI: (*a*) The conditions of service of the employees of the Malabar District Board are the same as those of Government servants of similar status and standing in respect of the following matters, namely:—

(i) Leave and leave allowances;

(ii) travelling allowance; and

(iii) superannuation and retirement.

(*b*) Yes, in respect of scales of pay of certain classes of employees; but the allowances are the same.

(*c*) The Retrenchment and Reorganization Committee appointed by this Government in 1947 did not recommend same scales of pay for State Government employees and district board employees.

* 3155 *Q*.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation recently from the Malabar District Board Superior Employees' Association for bettering their service conditions; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?